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(REPORT BY UNNAMED PRAYDR OWN CORRESPONDENT: "CIA DIRECTOR NOMINATED")

(TEXT) NEW YORK, 8 FEBRUARY--PRESIDENT J. CARTER HAS NOMINATED ADM S. TURNER, COMMENDER IN CHIEF OF NATO ALLIED ARMED FORCES IN SOUTHERN EUROPE, FOR THE POST OF CIA DIRECTOR.

A NATO-SCHOOLED PROFESSIONAL MILITARY MAN IS OBVIOUSLY MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE "HANKS" WHO FORCED T. SORENSEN TO DECLINE THE OFFER OF THE CIA DIRECTORSHIP. THE NEW YORK TIMES NOTES THAT. "THE ADMIRAL DOES NOT HAVE TO FACE THE OBSTACLES WHICH CONFRONTED SORENSEN." THE CONSERVATIVES DID NOT LIKE SORENSEN'S CRITICAL REMARKS ASOUT THE CIA'S COVERT OPERATIONS; WHICH FLAGRANTLY INFRINGED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF FOREIGN STATES.

THE NOMINATION OF A PROFESSIONAL MILITARY MAN TO THE POST OF CIA DIRECTOR HAS CAUSED A CERTAIN ANXIETY IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX? POSSIBLE USE OF THIS AGENCY FOR ITS OWN ENDS.

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